

The Honorable John Boehner
1020 Longworth
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 3, 1993

Dear Mr. Boehner:

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I derive many enjoyable hours of recreation and education with my sons and friends both in building and flying radio controlled precision aerobatic aircraft in local, and national organized competition. I would be very reluctant to continue doing so if a distinct new risk of being "shot-down" were present. We invest hundreds of hours in building these special planes along with over \$1000. cost per plane. I own 6 pieces of radio equipment with an investment of over \$2000.00 along with 12 aircraft valued over \$3600.00. This equipment could become worthless.

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It does not seem wise for the FCC to seek to improve land mobile radio user operating conditions at the expense of both dollars and safety of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but hundreds of thousands of people like myself participate in this activity which contributes to family relations, education, mental health and the country's economic growth.

Please help my colleagues and me continue the safe enjoyment of radio control model activities by not allowing the FCC to carry out it proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. We need your help urgently since the FCC has deadline of February 26, 1993 for comments after which it may become more difficult to stem these proposals from going into effect. Thank you for any help you can give us regarding this matter.

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2480 SEWECH DR.
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Sincerely,

Jerry L. Wilcox

The Honorable John Boehner
1020 Longworth
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January 30, 1993

Dear Mr. Boehner:

I am interested in aviation and am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled airplanes. I personally own 16 radios, 7 R/C models, and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating the models.

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Urgent Frequency Alert!

(Responses needed before February 26, 1993)

To all users of model frequencies in both the 72 and 75 MHz bands.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on model frequency use. Developed by the FCC Land Mobile Service, it creates a massive frequency restructuring—the first of its type in 60 years.

The 419 page document addresses frequency use in another service (Part 88) but will also affect Part 95 where our RC frequency use lives. Without becoming too technical, the restructuring inserts two new frequencies between those presently assigned for modeling use and commercial users. That means we could have a transmitter almost four times the power output of ours, only 2.5 kHz away from a large number of our 72 and 75 MHz frequencies.

In the 72 MHz band, thirty-one of our frequencies would be bracketed, principally in the lower end of the band (below channel 42). A similar condition would exist in the 75 MHz band. Two examples of the frequency placing would look like the following:

Model Channel 14	72.070 MHz
New insert	72.0725 MHz
New insert	72.0775 MHz
Present Commercial	72.080 MHz
New insert	72.0825 MHz
New insert	72.0875 MHz
Model Channel 15	72.090 MHz
OR	
Model Channel 62	75.430 MHz
New insert	75.4325 MHz
New insert	75.4375 MHz
Present Commercial	75.440 MHz
New insert	75.4425 MHz
New insert	75.4475 MHz
Model Channel 63	75.450 MHz

Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours, they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at your field or on the street and highway nearby. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on ours!

What can be done to address this situation?

The Academy, with full industry support, will pursue all avenues available through the legal counsel they retain to represent modelers before the FCC. The first step in that process is the filing of formal comments prior to February 26, 1993. Other steps will follow.

We have been strongly urged to use "every arrow in our quiver" to address this proposal. You and your club members are very important arrows that can help us make our point!

You are being asked to write *NOW* to those persons and agencies in the federal government that *represent you!*

To a Senator:
The Honorable (name)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

To the FCC:
FCC
1919 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

To a Representative:
The Honorable (name)
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

(For the name of your Senator or Representative, contact the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.)

In writing your letters it is important to do the following:

- 1. Include the identification of the proposed rule making:** PR Docket 92-235
- 2. Personalize your concerns:**
"I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models."
"I am an active competitor in local, national, and international events."
"As a student, I learn valuable lessons from building and operating models."
"I am active in our local club."
- 3. Indicate your financial involvement:**
"I own _____ pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted."
"My hobby shop business involves _____% radio control sales."
- 4. Strongly stress the safety and liability aspect created by the proposal!**
"The models I build weigh as much as _____ pounds and operate at _____ m.p.h."
"Our club operates at a public park."
"Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable."

Some other points to consider.

- 1. The best approach** is a personal letter, written by you, to the government official(s) involved.
- 2. The second level** of effectiveness is a signed form letter.
- 3. The least effective** communication is a petition simply signed by individuals. (This approach is not recommended)
- 4. Many persons derive enjoyment** from our hobby/sport, not only those who actually build and operate models. Ask them to write as well, to indicate their concern!
- 5. The most important fact** to remember is to act now! The February 26th date is soon upon us! Write NOW!
- 6. Contact the Technical Department** at AMA Headquarters for additional information - (703) 435-0750, ext. 264.